

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the first paragraph, under the heading "PRIORITY CLAIM AND CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS", with the following amended paragraph:

This application is ~~related to~~ a continuation-in-part of and claims domestic priority from prior U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/853,823, filed on May 11, 2001 entitled "Nested Transactions in a File System", by David Long and David Pitfield, which claims domestic priority from prior U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/204,196, filed on May 12, 2000 entitled "Techniques and Features of an Internet File System", by David Long. The entire disclosure of both of these documents is hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety for all purposes as if fully set forth herein.